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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	"VOICE COMMUNICATION CONCERNING A LOCAL ENTITY"	)	Date: November 30, 2004
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		)	Re: <i>Utility Application</i>
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004, an initial response to which is due no later than **December 20, 2004**, Applicants submit this paper. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.